

Attorney Docket No.: UMBP:110US
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Remarks/Arguments

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates the Examiner noting that at least two wire means operatively arranged to be suspended from at least two ring means by upper loops comprised allowable subject matter.

Claims Amendments

Applicant has amended Claim 1 to include the subject matter identified by the Examiner as being allowable. Applicant has canceled Claims 2-4 to more accurately reflect that sliding and rotation of the wires about the rod member occurs via the ring attachment means. Applicant has amended Claim 10 to correct a typographical error. Applicant has amended Claim 13 to correct grammatical errors.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103 (Obviousness)

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-12 under 35 USC §103 as being obvious in view of the teachings of Ruderman. Applicant has amended independent Claim 1 to include the allowable subject matter identified by the Examiner. More specifically, Applicant has amended Claim 1 to include the limitations that each wire of the first and second set of at least two wires comprises an upper loop. Each of the upper loops is secured to a ring attachment means, and the ring attachment means slidably and rotatably engages the rod. Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 1, and those claims depending therefrom, comprise allowable nonobvious subject matter.

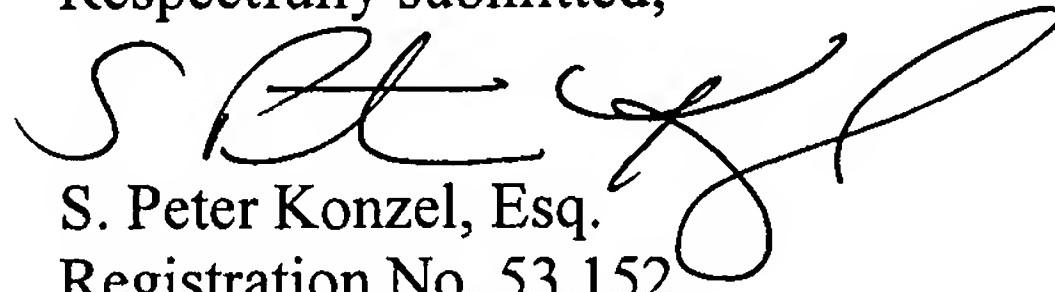
Reversal of the rejection is courteously requested.

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Conclusion

For the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is now in condition for allowance, which action is courteously requested

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